



2012 RUBICON

HISTORY

In 1975, Francis Ford Coppola purchased the historic Inglenook property, intent on restoring the estate's legacy of creating world-class wines equal to those that founder Gustave Niebaum and his grandnephew John Daniel Jr. made for decades. Rubicon, the estate's flagship wine since 1978, is produced from the best estate grown fruit, including the historic Gustave Niebaum Cabernet Sauvignon selection, which was first planted on the property in the 1880s.

VINTAGE

2012 was one of the best vintages in recent history because of near perfect climate conditions. The entire season was marked by moderate temperatures, which lasted through September and October. Having no heat spikes or rain to contend with in the fall allowed the fruit to hang on the vines longer, giving the grapes better concentration and ripeness as well as more textural dimension and flavor complexity.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Over the last few years, we've perfected our already refined winemaking methods, using smaller trays during harvest, a gentler destemmer that minimizes oxidation, and applying greater scrutiny during the fermentation process by evaluating individual blocks of fruit daily to optimize pump overs. These methods have greatly enhanced the quality of the 2012 vintage.

TASTING NOTES

Captivating and complex, the 2012 Rubicon boasts very pronounced dark fruit with aromas of currants, black cherries, blackberries, cinnamon, floral notes and the freshness of thyme and other sweet herbs. The palate shows great volume and nicely integrated flavors, fine grained tannins and subtle oak that works beautifully with the fruit. There is softness and delicacy with layered complexity that is constantly evolving. The finish is long and expressive.

APPELLATION:	RUTHERFORD, NAPA VALLEY
BLEND:	86% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 9% PETIT VERDOT, 4% CABERNET FRANC, 1% MERLOT
VINEYARDS:	PRITCHETT HILL, CREEK, GIO, GARDEN, COHN
ALCOHOL:	14.5%
BARREL REGIME:	100% FRENCH OAK; 75% NEW OAK

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